

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set forth therein. Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

E1
--6. (Twice Amended) An aqueous dispersion of a vinylidene fluoride polymer, which comprises a vinylidene fluoride polymer having an average particle size of not more than 200 nm and a surfactant, wherein a solid content is from 30 to 50 % by weight, a content of [a fluorine-containing] the surfactant is not more than 1% by weight on the basis of water, and the [aqueous dispersion excludes a nonionic non-fluorine-containing] surfactant consists essentially of at least one of a fluorine-containing surfactant.--

Please add the following new claims:

E2
--7. The aqueous dispersion of Claim 6, wherein the fluorine-containing surfactant is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a fluorine-containing carboxylic acid represented by the formula: $X(CF_2)_nCOOH$ and $Y(CH_2CF_2)_mCOOH$ where n is an integer of 6 to 20, X is F or H, m is an integer of 6 to 13, and Y is F or Cl, an alkali metal salt thereof, an ammonium salt thereof, an amine salt thereof and a quaternary ammonium salt thereof.

8. The aqueous dispersion of Claim 7, wherein the fluorine-containing surfactant is an ammonium salt of perfluorooctanoic acid.

E2
cont.

9. A method for preparing a paint composition, which comprises blending a coloring agent with an aqueous dispersion of a vinylidene fluoride polymer, which comprises a vinylidene fluoride polymer having an average particle size of not more than 200 nm and a surfactant, wherein a solid content is from 30 to 50% by weight, a content of the surfactant is not more than 1% by weight on the basis of water, and the surfactant consists essentially of at least one of a fluorine-containing surfactant.--

10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the fluorine-containing surfactant is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a fluorine-containing carboxylic acid represented by the formula: $X(CF_2)_nCOOH$ and $Y(CH_2CF_2)_mCOOH$ where n is an integer of 6 to 20, X is F or H, m is an integer of 6 to 13, and Y is F or Cl, an alkali metal salt thereof, an ammonium salt thereof, an amine salt thereof and a quaternary ammonium salt thereof.--

11. The method of Claim 10, wherein the fluorine-containing surfactant is an ammonium salt of perfluorooctanoic acid.--

REMARKS

In the foregoing amendments, Claim 1 was canceled. Accordingly, all applicant's claims now define that the particle size of the vinylidene fluoride polymer as not more than 200 nm, which was the size set forth in the claims in the earliest filed parent application. Since Claim 1 was cancelled, applicant